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What is claimed is:

1. A system for customizing an audio message within a vehicle
5 comprising:
 a computing device disposed within a vehicle,
 a user interface in communication with said computing device,
 a display in communication with said computing device and said user
 interface comprising a menu, wherein a user makes selections comprising audio
10 messages from the menu using the user interface,
 a memory storage device in communication with said computing device for
 storing at least one of said selections from said menu, and
 a means for enabling the execution of a message selected by a user upon the
 occurrence and detection of a triggering event.
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2. The system according to claim 1, wherein said memory storage device
 is a portable memory storage device.
3. The system according to claim 2, wherein said portable memory
20 storage device comprises a portable memory storage card.
4. The system according to claim 1, wherein said memory storage device
 is an internal memory storage device.
- 25 5. The system according to claim 1, further comprising a means for
 accessing a remote network to provide said menu, wherein such a user selects one or
 more of said selections from said menu via said user interface.

6. The system according to claim 5, wherein said means for accessing a remote network comprises a means for accessing a website of the manufacturer of the vehicle via an internet service provider to provide said menu.

5 7. The system according to claim 5, wherein said memory storage device is located on said remote network.

8. The system according to claim 5, wherein said memory storage device is a portable memory storage device.

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9. The system according to claim 8, wherein said portable memory storage device comprises a portable memory storage card.

10 The system according to claim 5, wherein said memory storage device
15 is an internal memory storage device.

11. The system according to claim 1, wherein said audio messages correspond to a condition of said vehicle.

20 12. The system according to claim 11, wherein at least one of said audio messages informs the user that a vehicle light is activated.

13. The system according to claim 11, wherein at least one of said audio messages informs the user that a door is ajar within said vehicle.

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14. The system according to claim 11, wherein at least one of said audio messages informs said user that the vehicle is in need of oil.

15. The system according to claim 11, wherein at least one of said audio messages informs the user that at least one tire of said vehicle is in need of air.
16. The system according to claim 11, wherein at least one of said audio
5 messages informs the user that the battery of the vehicle is in need of replacement.
17. The system according to claim 11, wherein at least one of said audio messages informs the user of a condition external of the vehicle.
- 10 18. The system according to claim 11, wherein at least one of said audio messages informs the user of the air temperature outside of the vehicle.
19. The system according to claim 1, further comprising providing an identifying means for associating a profile comprising at least one of said selections
15 with an individual user, and wherein said identifying means activates said profile such that the selections of said profile are executed upon the occurrence of the triggering event.
20. The system according to claim 19, wherein said identifying means is a
20 password comprising at least one character which is entered on said user interface.
21. The system according to claim 19, wherein said identifying means is a push button on said user interface.
22. The system according to claim 19, wherein said identifying means is
25 stored on a portable memory storage device card.
23. A method for customizing an audio message system within a vehicle comprising:

providing a computing device within a vehicle,
providing a user interface in communication with said computing device
within the vehicle,
enabling a user to make selections comprising audio messages from a menu
5 using the user interface,
storing at least one of said selections within a memory storage device, and
enabling the execution of said at least one selection stored within said memory
device upon the occurrence of a triggering event.

10 24. The method according to claim 23, wherein said memory storage
device is a portable memory storage device.

25. The method according to claim 24, wherein said portable memory
storage device comprises a portable memory storage card.

15 26. The method according to claim 23, wherein said memory storage
device is an internal memory storage device.

27. The method according to claim 23, wherein said menu is provided by
20 accessing a remote network, and wherein such a user selects one of said selections
from said menu via said user interface.

28. The method according to claim 27, wherein said memory storage
device is located on said remote network.

25 29. The method according to claim 27, wherein the step of accessing a
remote network comprises accessing a website of the manufacturer of the vehicle via
an internet service provider to provide said menu.

30. The method according to claim 27, wherein said memory storage device is a portable memory storage card for storing said selection.

31. The method according to claim 30, wherein said portable memory storage device comprises a portable memory storage card.

32. The method according to claim 27, wherein said memory storage device is an internal memory storage device for storing said selection.

33. The method according to claim 27, wherein said audio messages correspond to a specific condition of said vehicle.

34. The method according to claim 33, wherein at least one of said audio messages informs the user that a vehicle light is activated.

35. The method according to claim 33, wherein one of said audio messages informs the user that a door is ajar within said vehicle.

36. The method according to claim 33, wherein one of said audio messages informs said user that the vehicle is in need of oil.

37. The method according to claim 33, wherein one of said audio messages informs the user that at least one tire of said vehicle is in need of air.

38. The method according to claim 33, wherein one of said audio messages informs the user that a battery of the vehicle is in need of replacement.

39. The method according to claim 33, wherein at least one of said audio messages informs the user of a condition external of the vehicle.

40. The method according to claim 33, wherein at least one of said audio messages informs the user of the air temperature outside of the vehicle.

5 41. The method according to claim 23, further comprising providing an identifying means for associating a profile comprising at least one of said selections with an individual user, and wherein said identifying means activates the profile such that the selections of the profile are executed upon the occurrence of the triggering event.

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42. The method according to claim 41, wherein said identifying means is a password comprising at least one character which is entered on said user interface.

43. The method according to claim 41, wherein said identifying means is a
15 push button on said user interface.

44. The method according to claim 41, wherein said identifying means is stored on a portable memory storage device card.